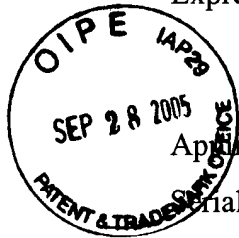


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks and arguments.

The Office Action notes that claims 1-14 are pending in the application. No amendments to the claims are made in this Response to Office Action and no new claims are added, therefore, claims 1-14 are still pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1-13 under 35 USC §103(a); and (2) objected to claim 14 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Office Action notes that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant responds to the Examiner's objections and rejections below.